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Mr. Neri Osborn, Jr. Estate Tax Collector State House Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Sir:

We have your recent letter wherein you ask if under the laws of the State of Arizona, a real estate contract covering lands in this state is regarded as real or personal property.

The contract itself is personal property. Under such an agreement the vendor is the beneficial owner of the land and regarded as the owner of same. The vendor is a trustee holding the mere naked legal title to be conveyed upon the fulfillment of the terms of the contract. See Strahan vs. Haynes, 262 Pac. 995, 33 Ariz. 128.

Yours very truly,

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